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***Kaestlea*: a new genus of scincid lizards (Scincidae: Lygosominae) from the Western Ghats, south-western India. *Hamadryad* 28(1 & 2):43–50.**

Lygosoma travancoricum var. *palnica* was described by Boettger (1892), rather than by Boulenger (1882) (p. 44 under referred specimens). The authority was cited correctly on p. 48.

The lectotype designation, for BMNH 1946.8.16.53, for *Lygosoma travancoricum* var. *palnica* is invalid, as Mertens (1967) designated one of the syntypes from Boettger's original syntype series from the Senckenberg Museum, Frankfurt (SMF 14657), from "Kodaikanal, Palni Hills, Süd-Indien"). This specimen was photographed by Jakob Hallermann during an inventory of the scincid types of SMF in March 2004, and was cited subsequent to the original description of Boettger (1892) by Mertens (1922; 1967). However, Ouboter (1986), in his revision of the genus *Scincella* sensu lato did not refer to or examine the specimen.

Mertens' (1967) work being the older of the two lectotype designations, according to Article 75.4 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, Fourth Edition (International Commission of Zoological Nomenclature, 1999, subsequently, 'The Code'), SMF 14657 is confirmed as the lectotype of *Lygosoma* (*Leiolopisma*) *travancoricum* var. *palnica* Boettger, 1892. The rest of the syntypes from the original series (SMF 14658 and BMNH 1946.8.16.53) are relegated to the status of paralectotypes (Article 74.1.3 of 'The Code').

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